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1. [] ships in the port of Burgas:

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a. **SUNMALAND**, a Swedish freighter of about 7,000 tons, which unloaded agricultural and industrial machinery. Among the materials were porcelain bowls for dressers; these were loaded immediately on a Turkish ship of about 400 tons which sailed for the Soviet Union. It is noted that as a rule Bulgarians think that all things coming from abroad are of Soviet origin, as the rulers assert; for example [] The Netherlands, but the "Bulgarian authorities" believed they came from the USSR and would not believe [] their true origin.

b. **ANOULA**, a Greek ship with Panamanian flag, about 4,000 tons, which loaded makousha (sunseed pies) for Denmark.

c. **ALOOT**, a Finnish freighter of about 7,500 tons, which loaded ores for Poland.

d. **TANAR**, a Turkish freighter of about 8,000 tons, which loaded tobacco for Odessa.

e. **GYNOHA** (sic; probably **SUNOMA**), a Soviet freighter, about 800 tons, which loaded general cargo (boxes, wine in barrels, fruit in barrels) for Odessa.

f. **VANKAREN**, a Soviet freighter, about 1,500 tons, which loaded general cargo (boxes, wine in barrels, fruit in barrels), for an unknown destination.

g. **SEIGUX**, a Turkish freighter, about 4,000 tons, which loaded tobacco for Kherson.

h. **PORTORTA**, an Italian tanker, about 1,500 tons, which regularly unloads oil from Constanta,

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1. **BLAGOY KASABOV**, a Bulgarian freighter, about 3,000 tons, which loaded wine in barrels and general cargo; destination unknown but rumored to be in the Mediterranean area.
- j. **NIKOLA VAPTSAROV**, a Bulgarian freighter, about 1,600 tons, which loaded crates marked Alexandria, Haifa, Jaffa.
- k. **KARL MARI**, a Soviet freighter, about 8,000 tons, which loaded and unloaded general cargo.
- ✓ 1. **TSFONIT**, an Israeli freighter, about 7,000 tons, which entered the harbor empty to load unknown cargo for an unknown destination.
- m. **SENEGAL**, an Italian freighter, about 5,000 tons, which loaded general cargo for Odessa.
2. The sketch on page 5 shows the following installations:
 1. Harbor entrance, which is closed at sunset by a series of buoys folding to the north.
 2. Entrance lights.
 3. Pilot station with a small antiaircraft gun on its roof.
 4. Position at which, about every four days, the **PORTORIA**, a small Italian tanker of about 1,500 tons, unloads petroleum products from Constanta. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the ship is under a 1-year charter.
 5. Oil pipes.
 6. Position at which seven light ships were observed tied up. These all have the same appearance, with a length of about 20-25 meters [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
They are armed with a small gun at the stern and another at the prow; both are of unknown caliber and are protected with a steel cover which is not a turret. They also have a small bridge with a mast. Two antiaircraft guns on turrets are set behind the bridge. Depth charges were on the stern. These boats are used more or less for patrol purposes, and were seen leaving the harbor during the day alone or in pairs, one after the other. These vessels did not appear to be old. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 7. Position at which a small grill of unknown make was noticed, half of which is in the water. A small warship [REDACTED] was seen in this for two or three days, and after that, no vessel was noted at the position. This ship was undergoing rather small repairs (painting, etc.).
 8. Position at which a warship [REDACTED] was tied up. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It seemed to be new and had two turrets, with one gun of unknown caliber in each (stern and prow each one), a small bridge with a mast, one smokestack, and two boats, right astern of the smokestack [REDACTED]

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

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9. A 4-story building, not an old one, of unknown use, painted light yellow on the outside.

10. Position at which Diesel ships were seen being repaired.

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12. Position at which small ferry boats were seen. These boats travel along the Bulgarian coast and up to Varna.


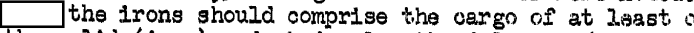


13. A small pier.

14. Stairs of exit toward the city.

15. A small 1-story building usually used by the harbor guard responsible for guarding the harbor and the ships. These guards are Army personnel.

16. An old large 4- or 5-story building being used as the Harbormaster's office.

17. Position at which piles of wooden fruit barrels were seen. They were destined for export to the Soviet Union.

25X1 18. Position at which iron rods and bars for concrete were seen, as well as
25X1 solid iron rods with a diameter of 10 to 15 centimeters and various boxes
25X1 of unknown contents, but judged from the packing to be light materials. A
25X1 total of about 1,500 large and small boxes were noted. 
 the irons should comprise the cargo of at least one Liberty ship. Only
the solid (iron) rods had a length of 10 to 15 meters: 


19. Public road leading to the city.

20. A high 1-story warehouse for general merchandise (mainly tobacco) and a cellar about 120-140 meters long which contained fruit barrels.

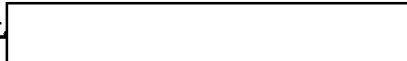
21. A public road.

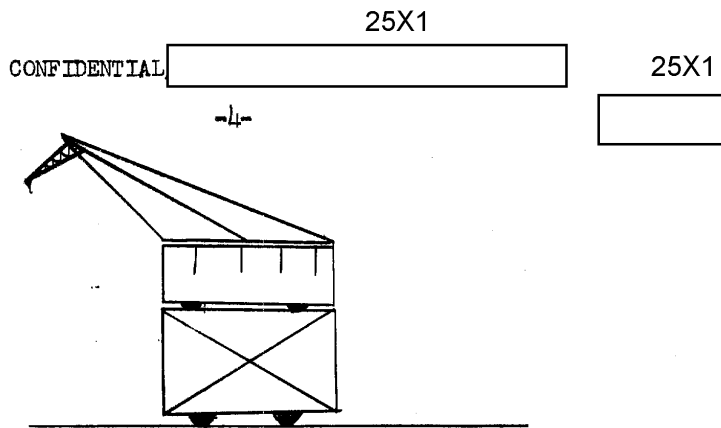
22. Another large 2-story warehouse for general merchandise (tobacco and various boxes, etc.) about 200-250 meters long. On the front and the center of this building was a large portrait of Stalin; a portrait of Chervenkov was at one end of the building, and a portrait of Dimitrov at the other end.

23. Two new electric cranes, on iron rails, 3-ton capacity (written on the cranes). These cranes were moving both on iron rails on the ground and on iron rails resting on the warehouses. It was said that they are of Yugoslav manufacture and origin, but it is not known how they were obtained. The following is a sketch of this type of crane:

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24. A double-track rail line.

25. Coastal road.

26. Single-track rail line.

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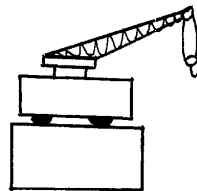
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29. Position at which were seen about 50 large crates of various sizes, such as: 2 meters high, 2 meters wide, 4 meters long, or 3 x 3 x 3, or 2.5 x 2.5 x 2.5. They had the mark "CCCP" (USSR) on them, and probably contained machinery.

30. Position at which were seen irons of similar type and quantity as listed in No. 18 above, and an additional 80 small and large crates. Among this material was an old small railroad steam engine. All of this material was probably of Soviet origin.

31. Single-story warehouse, about 120 meters long, containing phosphates and cements.

32. Two Diesel engine cranes, 10 tons capacity (as marked on them), old, and shaped as follows:



33. Position at which three or four Turkish Diesel engine ships were noted waiting to take on cargo.

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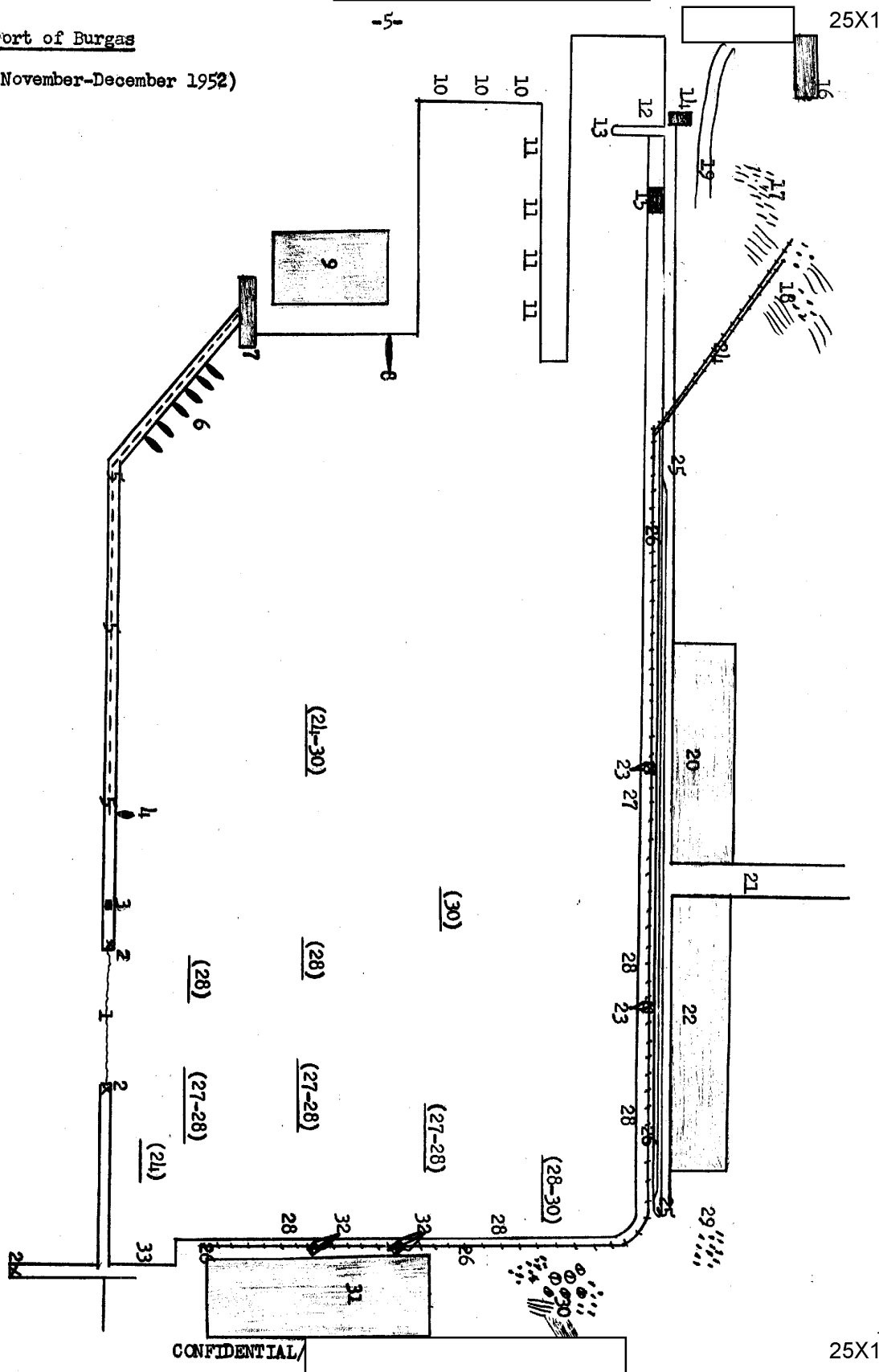
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3. Depths in the harbor are indicated by figures in parentheses.

4. At position No. 6, besides the ships listed, there was also one Navy oil tanker, about 200-250 tons, having the color of a warship.

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5. the arrangement in the northwestern part of the harbor. i.e., positions No. 10, 11, 12, and 13

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6. port of Burgas the following installations:

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1. A Diesel Turkish vessel.
2. A Greek ship loading 3,000 tons of cement for Lydda and Amman.
3. An Israeli ship loading coal dust.
4. A Soviet ship loading pipes 6-8 meters long and 0.20 meters wide.
5. A French ship unloading general cargo.
6. A Turkish ship ready to be loaded.
7. Train or automobile station.
8. Port exit.
9. INFLOT offices.
10. Double pipeline for combustible fuel.
11. Large building under construction.
12. Hotel Balkan.
13. Hotel.
14. Casino.
15. Garden.

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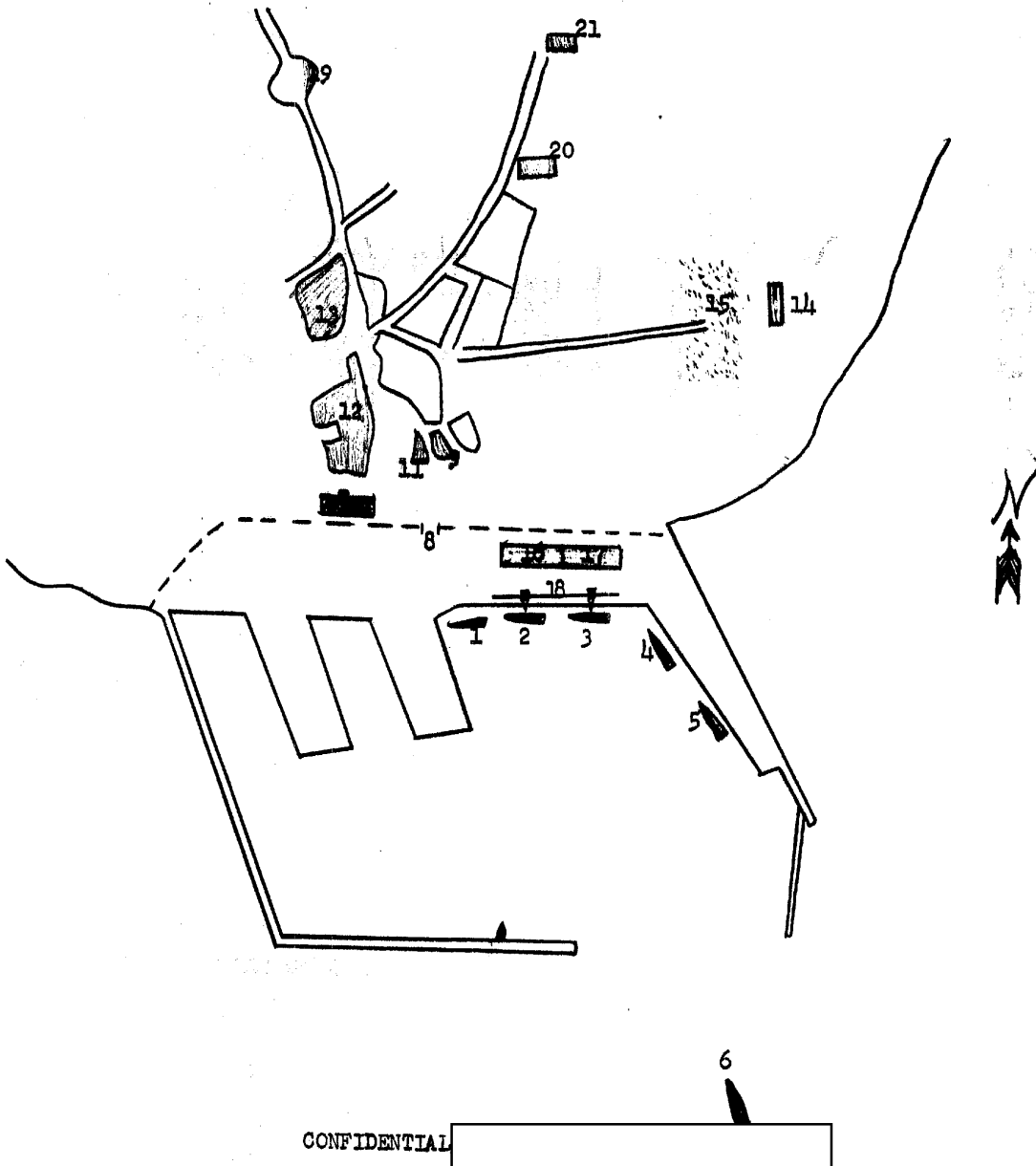
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16. Warehouse.
17. Warehouse.
18. Two cranes for loading and unloading.
19. Summer theater (under construction on the public square).
20. Church.
21. City electric power station.



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7. The harbor of Burgas is very deep. There is a tide of about one meter. There was no difficulty in finding anchorage for the ships.

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8. [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] considerable movement in the streets. [REDACTED] that there is no great shortage of food. The streets are not always lighted at night. People express themselves against Tito. At the harbor and in prominent places where crews of foreign ships can see them are pictures of Hitler handing an axe to Tito. Generally the inhabitants do not appear to be happy, and they are afraid to talk. Their clothing is very simple; practically nobody wears a necktie.

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10. The sketch on page 10 shows the following installations at the port:

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1. A 2-story house with a beacon on the roof. [REDACTED]
2. Masses of rocks in the sea to protect the harbor breakwater.
3. Well-constructed breakwater about 500 meters long, on two foundations. On the outside, towards the sea, the breakwater is of reinforced concrete raised high in order to protect from the sea persons and vehicles moving on the breakwater. There was no movement on the mole.
4. Another breakwater of massive stones. Its arrangement further closes the mouth of the harbor.
5. Series of buoys arranged like a fence. When the warship (No. 6) moored, this fence of buoys was moved to position 5a.
6. Small Naval vessel, probably a torpedo boat. Its prow is not high. On the after deck, it carries a quick-firing gun, and a small similar gun on the forward deck.



7. A small Greek steamship (the only one noted), name unknown, 1,000-1,500 tons. It was unloading olives from 10 to 11 August 1953, but remained at its position after it had finished loading; [REDACTED]

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8. Turkish sailing ships, five or six in number. These sailing ships come frequently, usually carrying grain, and sail away.
9. Position of two cranes moving on steel tracks. These cranes are old and self-powered, burning either fuel oil or coal.

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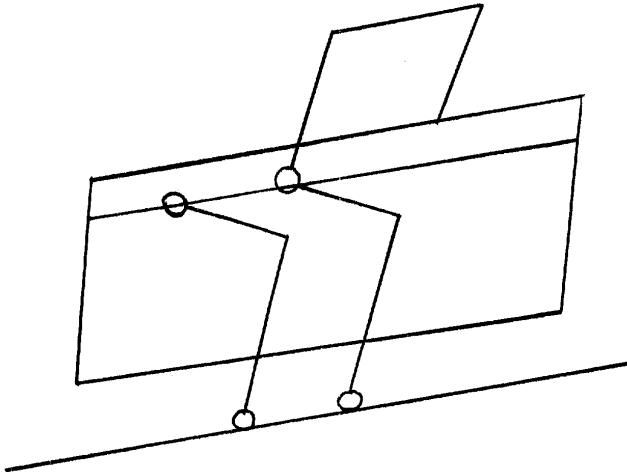
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10. Three warehouses, capacity unknown, but stated to be "quite large." They are about 25 meters long, and each has six doors. They contained unidentified goods, black in color; [REDACTED] this was export olive oil. Along the edge of the warehouses there is a track on which two of the wheels of the four cranes (No. 11) move; the other two wheels move on a line of track laid on the ground. 25X1



11. Position of four mobile cranes. The one to the left is considerably larger than the other three. The three smaller ones have the number "3,000" inscribed on them. The two cranes mentioned in No. 9 above are like these three smaller cranes. All four of these cranes are new and are electric powered. Women work on them during the day, and men work on them at night.

12. [REDACTED]

13. A Soviet freighter of about 7,000 tons, name unknown.

14. A Greek freighter under the Panamanian flag, name unknown, tonnage about 8,000. It was unloading ore from China.

15. Small freighter under the Panamanian flag. It was unloading unidentified cargo.

16. A small Bulgarian freight and passenger ship loaded with wheat [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] The wheat was unloaded by a silo (sic)
[REDACTED] which put the grain into cars from which it was picked up by winches and [REDACTED] 25X1

17. Two vessels, probably Naval auxiliaries, about 350 tons each. They have Diesel engines, and the stern is of peculiar form; [REDACTED] 25X1
of the ships which lay cables in the sea.

18. Ten or 15 ships were noted at this position. They are a kind of torpedo boat or mine layer. Each is about 10 meters long and carries two cannons. Every day two or three of them leave the harbor for maneuvers.

19. Mole constructed of stone, about 500 meters long, equipped with two parallel lines like a railroad track; [REDACTED] 25X1
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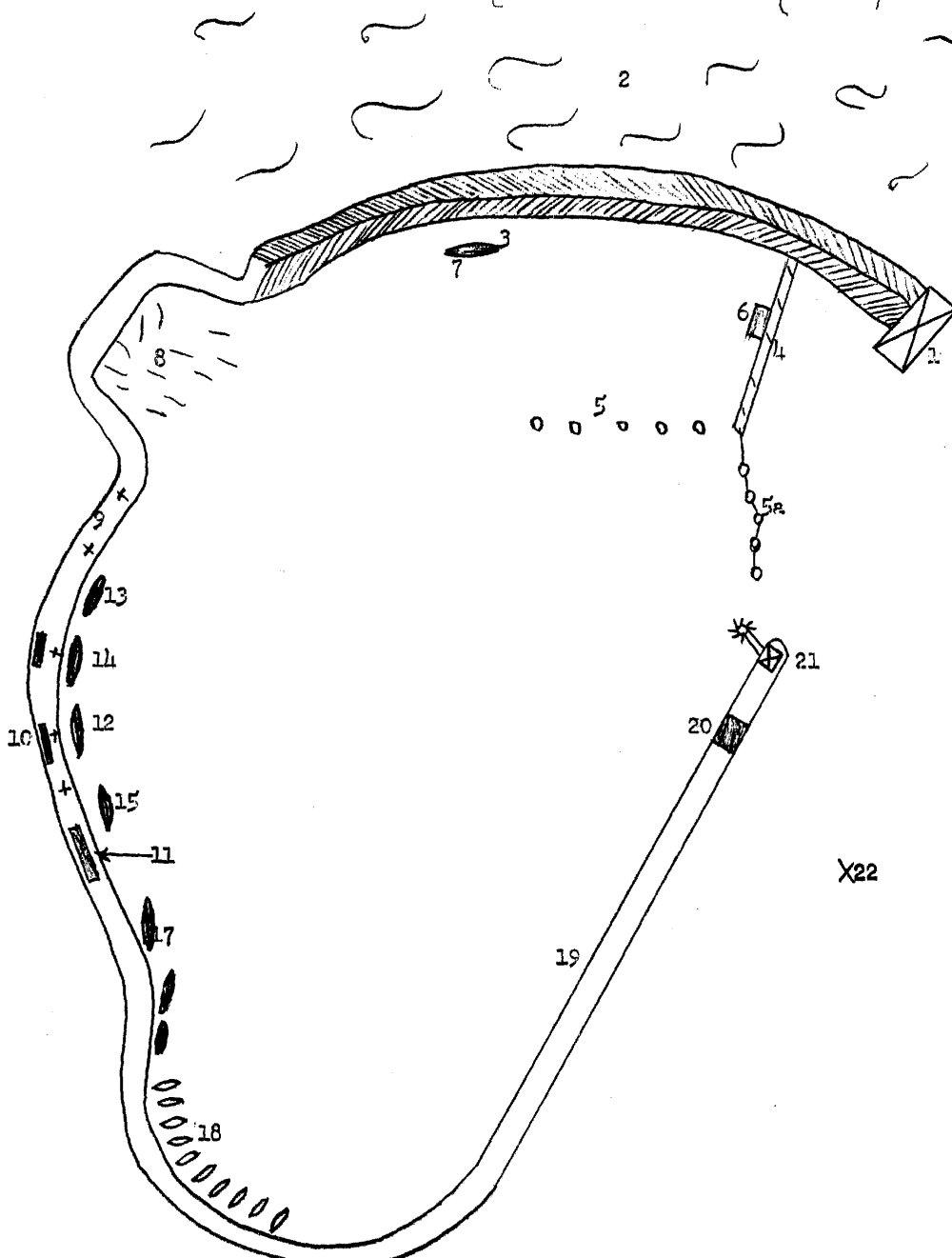
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20. A 2-story building used as a control station.
21. Lighthouse built on the mole, about five meters high.
22. Large exterior anchorage surrounding the harbor proper. At this place ships anchor before entering the harbor for health inspections, etc.



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11. One afternoon, an airplane was sighted towing a target (seen at a distance of about 1,500 meters). The plane was flying at a height of about 1,000 meters. [REDACTED] heard one or two guns firing four or five separate rounds; the shells exploded around the target and left white smoke. [REDACTED] the artillery fire was from outside the city of Burgas, and that the plane flew for about 10 minutes. 25X1
12. The sketch on page 12 shows the following installations:
1. Barrier at entrance of the harbor. It consists of barrels floating in a connected series.
 2. Greek freighter of about 1,000 tons, name unknown, which unloaded a cargo of olives.
 3. Soviet freighter of about 7,000 tons which was loading general cargo.
 4. Greek-owned Panamanian freighter of 7,000-8,000 tons which was unloading ore from China.
 5. Panamanian freighter (also Greek-owned) which was loading grain.
 6. Bulgarian packet, load about 600 tons, which was unloading grain. It makes regular runs.
 7. Three large 1-story warehouses.
 8. Three electric-powered cranes on steel tracks. All three have a 3-ton capacity.
 9. One electric-powered crane larger than the foregoing three cranes. It runs on steel tracks.
 10. Tracks on which the cranes run. The four cranes listed above have two wheels on this track, and the two inside wheels are on tracks supported by the warehouse (No. 7), forming a sort of bridge crane.
 11. Double-track railroad line passing under cranes No. 8 and No. 9.
 12. Two other electric-powered cranes which move on tracks. These cranes are of 3-ton capacity.
 13. Two unidentified Bulgarian passenger ships.
 14. Small bay where caiques usually moor.
 15. Ten or 15 motorboats, a kind of torpedo boat. They are painted dark gray and are armed with two guns (probably rapid firing), one on the prow and one on the stern, with the larger gun on the stern.
 16. Two motorboats used as Naval auxiliaries. Sailors of the military Navy were seen on these boats practicing signaling.

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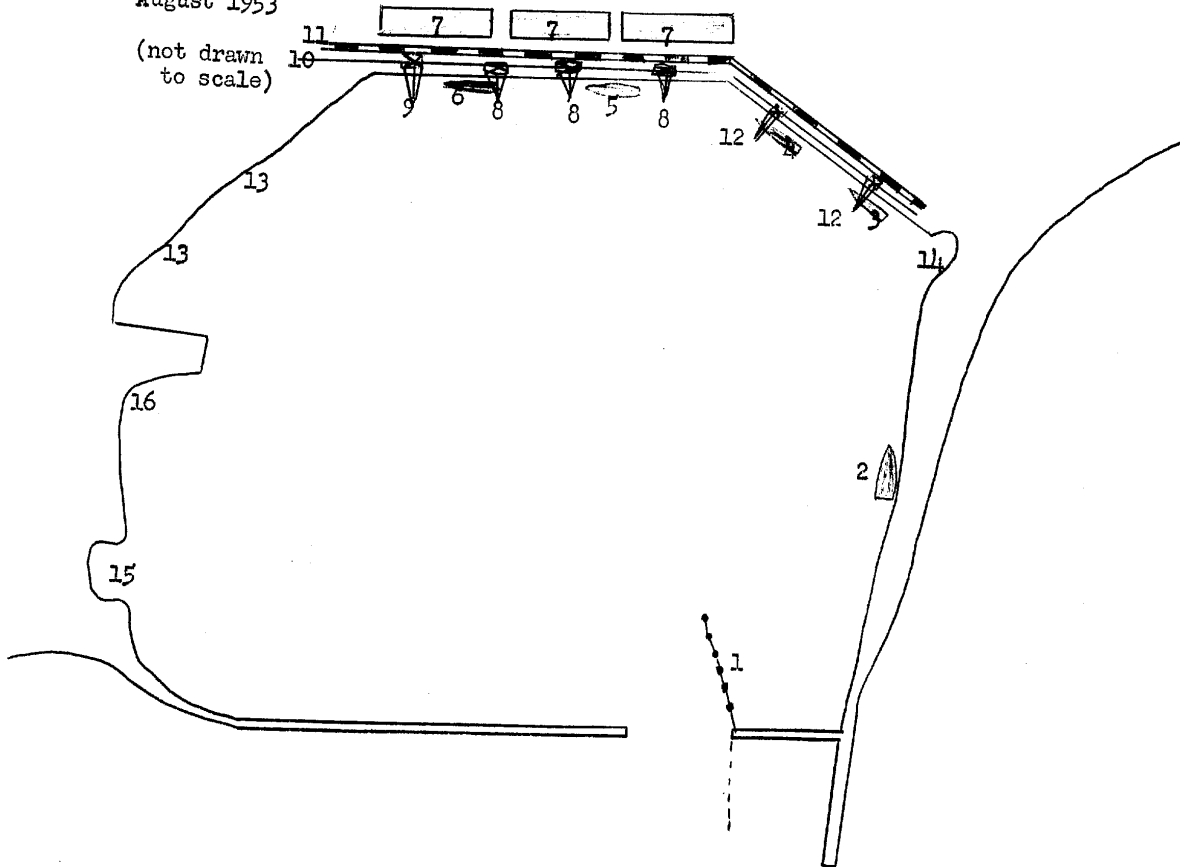
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Port of Burgas
August 1953

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September 1953

13. The following ships were noted at the port of Burgas (date about 20 August 1953 to past 9 September 1953):
- The Panamanian ship ARETI, which loaded wheat;
 - The French ANNA MARIA, 6,000 tons, under Panamanian registry; this ship is a tanker and unloaded steel wire, etc.;
 - The Italian MARIA LORANDO, 8,500 tons, which loaded wheat;
 - Three or four Scandanavian ships, which unloaded bales of cotton and loaded grain;
 - Two Soviet ships; one was a 6,000 ton which which came from Durres, completed its load with ore, and sailed for Odessa; the other ship, 4,500 or 5,000 tons, arrived empty and loaded ore; Soviet ships load and unload with complete priority; and

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- f. The RIALMA, which carried ore from India and loaded bulbs for Rotterdam; this ship remained in the harbor a long time because the load was not ready in one place and had to be brought to the ship a little at a time.
14. In the harbor there are three torpedo boats (small, fast--45-50 miles per hour) and a torpedo launcher (corvette or escort). The torpedo launcher is usually found anchored outside the harbor proper. Every evening one torpedo boat in turn goes out of the harbor and anchors near the position where foreign ships stand while waiting for the health and police inspection.
15. On 26 August 1953, there were maneuvers in the harbor with smoke generators. Smoke generators were set off on the two breakwaters near the beacons, and the entrance of the harbor was closed. [REDACTED] The torpedo launcher is like the Greek PERGAMOS and is about 1,000 tons, and armed with three or four small cannons. The torpedo boats are 15-18 meters long, carry one or two small cannons, and are kept in good condition. The above-mentioned ships went outside the harbor for maneuvers from sunrise to sunset. They covered their lights when they reached the position where foreign ships anchor before inspection.
16. On or about 20 August 1953, two airplanes were observed in the direction of the city. The planes were firing tracer bullets, and one dropped five or six parachutists.

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